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SUBJ: TUNNEL STORY RUNS FOR THIRD DAY

1. ROK MINISTRY OF DEFENSE KEPT TUNNEL STORY ALIVE AFTERNOON MARCH 21 AND IN MORNING PRESS MARCH 22 WITH STATEMENT ABOUT THIRD TUNNEL SOUTHWEST OF PANMUNJOM AND BACKUP PRESS INTERVIEW ABOUT TUNNELS WITH TAO NORTH KOREAN DEFECTORS. MND SAID THIRD TUNNEL HAD NOT BEEN EXPOSED YET, BUT COULD BE CONCLUSIVELY CONFIRMED BY KIM PU-SONG, NORTH KOREAN CIVILIAN WHO DEFECTED TO SOUTH IN SEPTEMBER, 1974, AND WHO HAD WORKED IN TUNNEL. SECOND DEFECTOR, LT. YU TAE-YOUN, TOLD NEWSMEN HE HAD OBSERVED SIXTH DIVISION AREA TUNNEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. MEDIA HAS GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY TO MND STATEMENT AND ALMOST ALL PAPERS HAVE PLAYED "CONFIRMATION" OF THIRD TUNNEL UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLINES WITH PICTURES OF DEFECTORS TESTIFYING AND DIAGRAMS OF TUNNELS. ERICSON

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